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Karimeducheri slum : The alternative site is under acquisition. Eight fields still remain to be handed over to the Corporation of Madras. Before these fields can be handed over, the standing crops in two of the fields have to be harvested while the compensation for four fields have to be settled, and the objection raised by the owner of the remaining two fields have to be considered. It is expected that all these things will be settled by the end of March 1961.

Co-operative farming

* 776 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any staff has been employed to do propaganda about the benefits of co-operative farming; and

(*b*) if so, the details of their salary and their functions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

* 777 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken at the meeting of the National Development Council held in September 1960 for starting pilot schemes on co-operative farming?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is understood that at its meeting held on 13th September 1960, the National Development Council endorsed the recommendations of the working group on Co-operative Farming under the Chairmanship of Sri S. Nijalingappa. The Council has agreed to the working groups' proposal to start 320 Pilot Projects in the country, which will be in addition to the programmes for development of Co-operative Farming which would be normally formulated by the States.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether there was any proposal to set up a Co-operative Farm in each Block in this State? If so, may I know why there was failure in setting up this Co-operative Farm?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This is a proposal for 1961-62. That is, we should select in Madras State ten areas and start Co-operative Farms in those areas. That is the proposal. I may inform the hon. Member that there has been no failure. The proposal itself is for 1961–62.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the Government have drawn the attention of the State Evaluation Committee to the present defective system of functioning of co-operative farms and if so, whether any modifications have been proposed and the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It would be helpful if the hon. Member points out any particular defect. If he should generally state ' defective system ' I am unable to understand what he means.